MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : Survey Nos. 852 and 1091 of the Arattupuzha Pakuthy were included in the Kayal porambokes and ordered to be surveyed by Government in 1939. But, before the work was taken up, the survey work of the Kayal porambokes was itself stopped.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU : സർവെ ഫാൻഫ-ൽ എസ്റ്റാബ്ലിഷ്മെൻറ് ഉണ്ടെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : അറിവില്ല.

MR. CODIVEETIL C. RAMAN KUNJU : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി അന്വേഷിക്കാൻ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു ഭാവമുണ്ടാകുമോ?

MR. S. RAMAKRISHNA AIYAR : അതിനെപ്പറ്റി വേണ്ടതു ചെയ്യാം.

Scarcity of fresh water in Kottayam.

90. *MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the people inhabiting and visiting the town of Kottayam are put to serious hardships owing to the scarcity of fresh water in the town, during the hot season ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the steps taken by the Government to remedy the situation ;

(*c*) whether the Government considered the feasibility of a water supply scheme for the town of Kottayam ;

(*d*) whether the Government has prepared an estimate of the expenses that will be required for completing such a scheme and, if so, what is the amount ; and

(*e*) if not , what is the approximate amount that will be necessary for the same ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : (*a*) Yes, to some extent.

(*b*) and (*c*) Steps for investigating and fixing up the source of supply are being taken.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) About 3 lakhs for a limited supply to the centre of the town where scarcity is specially felt.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know whether any investigation has already been started in this instance.

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know whether any amount was allotted in the last year's budget for this purpose ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : Yes, Sir.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know whether any money was spent in pursuance of that allotment ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO : No money was spent for that purpose.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH : May I know what amount was spent for the investigation done so far ?

MR. J. W. CHACKO. The investigation was conducted without spending any money, for there are certain preliminary items to be looked into. That has been done by the existing staff.

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MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know the result of those investigations?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: No final result has been arrived at.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know whether there is any idea to take up the work this year?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Investigations will continue this year also.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know how long will such a state of affair continue?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Until satisfactory source of water supply is available, investigation will be continued.

MR. K. DOMINIC JOSEPH: May I know whether the amount allotted this year will be spent on the work?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: If such a course is advisable that will be done.

MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI: May I know how much time will it take for arriving at a satisfactory result in this instance?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: There are two or three difficult problems to be faced from the engineering point of view. In addition, certain arrangements have to be settled between the Municipality and the Government in respect of this question. Until that is decided we cannot say definitely what amount will be spent for this purpose.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether Municipality is co-operating in the investigation work?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: Yes, Sir.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know, have the Municipality is agreed to contribute for this purpose?

MR. J. W. CHACKO: After the investigation is over, the question of part contribution will be considered.

C.L. PRESIDENT: In regard to municipalities, Government are under this painful dilemma. Many municipalities approach Government and ask them to start water works. Thus water works are brought into existence. Then, one morning, they wake up and say that they cannot pay their agreed contribution. For they know that water cannot be cut off. They decline to pay the money. Unless we are assured that such a phenomenon will not recur, Government will be very loath to spend money on municipalities on the basis of part contribution. The municipalities must put their own houses into order and see that what they promise is carried out and they must set up the requisite agency for carrying out their obligations.

Income to Government from the Travancore Minerals Company, Chavara.

91 *MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of duty paid by the Travancore Minerals Company, Chavara, in 1113, 1114, and 1115;

(*b*) the amount of income tax, and super tax, if any, paid by the company in 1113, 1114 and 1115; and

(*c*) the amount of any other sum paid by them to Government in 1113, 1114 and 1115?

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